

THE AMERICAN ST. PETER'S.

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT CHURCH EDIFICE IN AMERICA.

The Progress of the Great Roman Catholic Cathedral.—The Results of Ten Years' Work—Nearly Fifty Thousand Square Feet Enclosed within Marble Walls—The Great Bell and the Chimes.

On Sunday, Aug. 15, 1858, an audience of more than a hundred thousand persons assembled upon an open square, between Madison and Fifth avenues and Fifteenth and Fifty-first streets, to witness the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new St. Patrick's Cathedral of the Archdiocese of New York. The late Archbishop Hughes on that occasion addressed the immense assembly, and in the course of his impressive speech announced that \$100,000 had already been subscribed toward the erection of the new Cathedral.

That was certainly a noble sum to begin with, but owing to the war, the progress of the work has not been as rapid as might have been expected from such a commencement. However, the walls of the beautiful structure have risen to above fifty feet in height, and the gigantic portals in the front, the seats, and rent, are now completed, and the work steadily progresses.

A MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE.

When completed, this building will be the largest and most magnificent temple of worship upon the American continent, and a wall of granite in size as well as architectural beauty with the old cathedral of Europe. It is being built of white marble within and without, with a filling of solid brick masonry between the outer walls of marble. The material is brought from the quarries of Westchester county. The style of architecture is the highly ornamented medieval Gothic, not the usual Romanesque or Byzantine of our Catholic churches.

A CHURCH THAT WILL HOLD NINETEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE.

The space covered by the whole building, including the walls and buttresses, is 40,000 square feet. The space within the walls comprises an area of 15,500 square feet, and will afford ample room for fifteen thousand persons, and when necessary it could accommodate twice that number. From these figures some idea may be formed of the immense extent of the edifice, as compared with other churches in New York, the largest of which will not contain more than three thousand persons.

TOWER OVER A HUNDRED FEET IN HEIGHT.

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Prizes paid out—Information received. The highest rates paid for donations and all kinds of gold and silver.

A CLAIM FOR SALE-A HIT FOR \$450 ON MONTFORT & CO.—APPLY 13 J. H. STURGES, 149 UNION ST., OR 5 PARK PL.

Publications.

THE LONDON APPRENTICE

AND THE GOLDSMITH'S DAUGHTER OF WEST CREEP.

A Story of the Times of King Hal.

BY FRENCE EGAN.

The adventure created in literary circles by this droll story increases. Not a ridiculous voice is heard in the grand.

CHORUS OF ADMIRATION.

raised in its praise. The learned and unlettered alike acknowledge the genius of its author. Though an unusually large extra edition of the

SUNDAY MERCURY.

was struck off at once, there might be no disappointment, the crowd that applied for copies after all were sold was truly alarming in size and eagerness. This necessitates the preparation of

ANOTHER SYNOPSIS.

of the published chapters. Accordingly, a summary of the first two installments will be given with that portion to be published to-morrow. This is

THE LAST CHANCE.

which can possibly be given to those who have not yet commenced to peruse the story to read from the beginning.

LONDON APPRENTICE,

which, from its transcendent merits, could have been nothing else but

A GREAT SUCCESS.

from the publication of the opening installment, increases in interest and dramatic power with every chapter.

THE MIDNIGHT RESCUE.

of the drowning man by the hero during the storm, is a wonderful effort of lifelike description; never was incident more vividly personified than when Edith pretends to carry him to safety, and

NO SCENES EVER PRESENTED.

on the sensational stage equals that in which the poor madman, imagining his sole benefactors to be his relatives, tries to crush her out of existence. In fact, the whole installment teams with

THRILLING SCENES,

which, being all matters of real history, adapted by the author, and skillfully woven in the form of romance, have an interest which

NO MORE FICTION.

can possibly be found. In a word, let all who would read the greatest romance of the age purchase

TO MORROW'S SUNDAY MERCURY.

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